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ANIMALS

The Planet Dog Foundation

Program: The Planet Dog Foundation seeks to support nonprofit programs in the United States that train, place, and support dogs helping people in need.

The foundation awards grants of up to \$7,500 to help fund service-oriented programs related to assistance dogs, therapy dogs, search and rescue dogs, or police, fire, and military dogs. The foundation will give priority to programs that creatively serve multiple populations or otherwise maximize the value of the grants awarded.

Funds: Up to \$7,500.00

Deadline: August 12, 2011

Eligible: Only U.S.-based nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations are eligible to apply.

Information: Executive Director, Planet Dog Foundation, 49 York Street, Portland, ME 04101, Telephone: (207) 761-1515 ext. 101, Email: pdf@planetdog.com, Link: <http://www.planetdogfoundation.org/contact.aspx>

ARTS

National Endowment for the Arts (NEA)

NEA Arts in the Media (CFDA Number: 45.024) (Funding Opportunity Number: 2011NEA01AIM)

Program: This program seeks to make the excellence and diversity of the arts widely available to the American public through every available media platform including television, radio, the Internet, interactive and mobile technologies, digital games and satellite.

By increasing the accessibility and impact of the arts, NEA aims to strengthen U.S. creativity.

Grants are available to support the development, production and national distribution of innovative media projects about the arts and media projects that can be considered works of art. The NEA will give priority to artistically excellent projects that have the potential to reach a significant national audience, through their primary platform, regardless of the size or geographic location of the applicant organization. Projects may include: high profile multi-part or single television and radio programs; media created for theatrical release; performance programs; artistic segments for use within an existing series; multi-part webisodes; installations; and interactive games.

Funds: Grants ranging from \$10,000 to \$200,000 each (a 1:1 nonfederal match is required)

Deadline: September 1, 2011

Eligible: Governments, tribes and colleges and universities

Information: National Endowment for the Arts, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20506-0001, Laura Welsh, Telephone: (202)/602-5738, E-mail, welshl@arts.gov, Link: <http://www.arts.gov/grants/apply/AIM/index.html>.

National Endowment Humanities (NEH)

Summer Stipends (CFDA Number: 45.160) (Funding Opportunity Number: 20110929-FT)

Program: Summer Stipends support individuals pursuing advanced research that is of value to humanities scholars, general audiences, or both. Recipients usually produce articles, monographs, books, digital materials, archaeological site reports, translations or editions.

Summer Stipends support full-time continuous work on a humanities project for a period of two months.

Funds: Multiple awards of \$6,000 each

Deadline: September 26, 2011

Eligible: Researchers, teachers and writers

Information: Division of Research, Room 318, National Endowment for the Humanities
1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20506, Telephone: (202)-606-8200, Email: stipends@neh.gov, Link:

EDUCATION

Liberty Mutual Foundation Education Initiative

- Program:** The goals of the Liberty Mutual Foundation Education Initiative are to improve the educational achievement and educational opportunities for disadvantaged youth within the cities of Boston and Lawrence. Furthermore, the Education Initiative intends to locate and support educational programs at all grade levels that seek to build on prior academic success and that highlight a path to post-secondary education and/or training. The Liberty Mutual Foundation aims to achieve these goals by taking the following actions:
- 1) Expand academic opportunities for low-income and limited English proficient (LEP) students by funding out-of-school time educational programs, extended learning in-school programs, vocational and technical-training programs and programs that emphasize and highlight the path to further education.
 - 2) Support elementary programs that seek to prevent the achievement gap by employing results-based curricula and focusing on basic literacy and/or numeracy.
 - 3) Broaden educational options for limited English proficient (LEP) students by increasing the number and quality of programs in Boston and Lawrence that provide English language instruction, especially those organizations that exhibit a special focus toward children and adolescents.
- Funds:** \$3.8 million to community-based organizations with proven positive results in creating academic opportunities for Boston and Lawrence youth.
- Deadline:** May 31, 2011
- Eligible:** The Liberty Mutual Foundation will award grants through this initiative to:
1. Organizations that seek to promote educational opportunities through after-school and summer programming and/or that deliver educational and academic opportunities outside of traditional in-school activities.
 2. Organizations whose intent is to assist low-income students attain higher, post-secondary education—which may include vocational or technical training. Preference will be given to organizations that also provide support to ensure students successfully complete post-secondary education and/or training.
 3. Organizations that administer youth and adolescent English language-learning programs as a means to bolster student academic performance and social opportunities.
 4. Organizations seeking to establish new programs which will improve education for low-income and/or limited English proficient students.

5. Organizations serving students who reside in the cities of Boston and/or Lawrence.
6. Not-for-profit organizations with current 501(c)(3) status.
7. Organizations are ineligible for an Education Initiative grant if they have received a Liberty Mutual Foundation grant for the same program within the past 12 months. Organizations that have received a Liberty Mutual Foundation grant for a different program will be considered.

Information:

To download the RFP or to apply please visit our website:
<http://www.libertymutualfoundation.org>

Education Dept. (Office of Special Education & Rehabilitative Services) Technology & Media Services for Individuals with Disabilities (TMSID)--Captioned and Described Educational Media (CFDA Number: 84.327N)

- Program:** The purposes of the Technology and Media Services for Individuals with Disabilities program are to: (1) Improve results for children with disabilities by promoting the development, demonstration, and use of technology; (2) support educational media services activities designed to be of educational value in the classroom setting to children with disabilities; and (3) provide support for captioning and video description that are appropriate for use in the classroom setting.
- Funds:** A \$1.5 million award
- Deadline:** June 20, 2011
- Eligible:** State educational agencies, school districts and public and private colleges and universities.
- Information:** Ernest Hairston, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., room 4070, Potomac Center Plaza (PCP), Washington, DC 20202-2550. Telephone: (202) 245-7366, Link: <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2011/2011-10907.htm>

ENVIRONMENT

**National Fish and Wildlife Foundation
Pulling Together Initiative**

- Program:** A program of the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, the Pulling Together Initiative seeks proposals that will help control invasive plant species, mostly through the work of public/private partnerships such as cooperative weed management areas. To be competitive, a project must work to prevent, manage, or eradicate invasive and noxious plants through a coordinated program of public/private partnerships and also help increase public awareness of the adverse impacts of invasive and noxious plants. Successful grant proposals will focus on a particular well-defined area such as a watershed, ecosystem, landscape, county, or weed management area; have the support of private landowners, state and local governments, and regional/state offices of federal agencies; include a specific, ongoing, and adaptive public outreach and education

component; and employ an early detection/rapid response approach to invasives.

In order to maximize conservation outcomes, projects that take place in NFWF priority landscapes in coordination with federal agencies will be strongly preferred. Priority landscapes include eastern North America early succession habitat; Prairie Coteau grasslands; Sky Islands grasslands; Gunnison sage-grouse habitat; Southeastern grasslands, especially longleaf pine forest; shortgrass prairie; upper Colorado River; and Chesapeake Bay watershed.

Funds: The initiative expects to award a total of \$1.3 million this year. The average award amounts typically ranges between \$15,000 and \$75,000, with some exceptions. Applicants must provide a 1:1 non-federal match for their grant request.

Deadline: July 15, 2011

Eligible: Applications will be accepted from private nonprofit (501)(c) organizations; federally recognized tribal governments; local, county, and state government agencies; and from field staff of federal government agencies. Individuals and for-profit businesses are not eligible to receive PTI grants, but are encouraged to work with eligible applicants to develop and submit applications.

Information: Teal Edelen, Program Coordinator, Central Partnership Office, Email: teal.edelen@nfwf.org, Link: http://www.nfwf.org/AM/template.cfm?section=charter_programs_list&template=/CM/ContentDisplay.cfm&ContentID=19753

FAMILIES AND CHILDREN

Health & Human Services Department (HHS) (Administration for Children & Families, ACF) Special Improvement Project (SIP)

Projects to Address the Economic Downturn on IV-D Operations (CFDA Number: 93.601)

Program: Grantees will develop creative strategies and processes to operate IV-D (child support) programs more effectively and efficiently in order to address their immediate needs during the economic downturn and advance longer-term structural changes. Many state, tribal and local IV-D agencies are operating with substantial reductions in staff and funding resources due to continuing budget cutbacks.

Examples of creative strategies and processes include:

- Establishing or enhancing partnerships with other agencies, including child welfare and corrections, to improve case management and increase case processing speed and flexibility.
- Using partnerships and collaborations with organizations that develop online legal information and automated forms to improve the process and experience for those who represent themselves (pro se).
- Streamlining processes so that child support agencies can respond more quickly to changing circumstances of both parents.

- Using automation tools to enhance program efficiency to improve service delivery and outcomes for child support enforcement parents, especially to offset staff reductions.

Funds: \$300,000 for three awards

Deadline: June 29, 2011

Eligible: Governments

Information: Jean Robinson, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Child Support Enforcement, Division of State, Tribal and Local Assistance, Aerospace Center - 4th Floor, West, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, SW., Washington , DC 20447, Telephone: (202) 401-5330, Email: jean.robinson@acf.hhs.gov, Link: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/foa/view/HHS-2011-ACF-OCSE-FI-0151>

Health & Human Services Department (HHS) (Administration for Children & Families, ACF; Office of Child Support Enforcement, OCSE)

Partnership to Strengthen Families: Child Support Enforcement and University Partnerships (CFDA Number: 93.564)

Program: Funds support partnerships between CSE agencies and universities to design and support data exchanges, store and analyze data, and conduct special studies or evaluations of program policies or practices.

These demonstration projects will support and build capacity and jointly planned activities within existing or new partnerships between CSE agencies and universities utilizing staff, faculty and scholars with relevant public policy expertise to ultimately improve the financial well-being of children.

OCSE is interested in funding projects that can be replicated in other states and that have the potential to be sustained after the grant funding expires. Applicants should identify how their project can benefit other child support agencies and may be sustained.

Funds: \$300,000 for three awards

Deadline: June 27, 2011

Eligible: Partnerships between child support enforcement (CSE) agencies and universities

Information: Shirley Decker, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Child Support Enforcement, Division of State, Tribal and Local Assistance
370 L'Enfant Promenade, SW., 4th Floor, West, Washington, DC 20447
Telephone: (202) 401-5291 Fax: (202) 401-5681, Email: shirley.decker@acf.hhs.gov
Link: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/foa/view/HHS-2011-ACF-OCSE-FD-0155>

**Justice Dept. (Office of Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention, OJJDP),
Mentoring for Child Victims of Commercial Sexual Exploitation Initiative (CFDA Number: 16.726)**

Program: This initiative supports efforts of community service organizations to develop or enhance their mentoring capacity, facilitate outreach efforts and increase the availability of direct services for child victims (younger than age 18) of commercial sexual exploitation or domestic sex trafficking.

OJJDP expects successful applicants to: (1) integrate promising practices and proven principles into mentoring service models; (2) develop strategies to recruit, train, support and maintain mentors; and (3) provide a comprehensive array of support services to empower girls and boys to move past their experiences with victimization to develop their full potential.

Funds: Multiple awards up to \$500,000 each

Deadline: June 6, 2011

Eligible: Public and private colleges and universities, 501 (c)(3) nonprofits, for-profits and governments

Information: Justice Information Center, Telephone: (877) 927-5657, E-mail, JIC@telesishq.com; for grant guidance, Link: <http://www.ojjdp.gov/grants/solicitations/FY2011/MentoringCSEC.pdf>

Health & Human Services Department (Health Resources & Services Admin, HRSA)

Program: Improving the System of Services for Children & Youth with Special Health Care Needs (CYSHCN) (CFDA Number: 93.110)

Program: The program funds comprehensive, community-based systems for CYSHCN and their families. These systems must provide services that are family centered and culturally competent. The systems must have the following six outcomes:

1. Family/professional partnership at all levels of decision-making.
2. Access to comprehensive health and related services through the medical home.
3. Early and continuous screening, evaluation and diagnosis.
4. Adequate public and/or private financing of needed services.
5. Organization of community services so that families can use them easily.
6. Successful transition to all aspects of adult health care, work, and independence.

The applicant must already be implementing a community or statewide program, and provide documentation that it can be used as an evidence based model that can be spread to other communities and states. Strong partnerships must already exist between the applicant and state partners including: the state Title V agency (if not the applicant); primary care providers; family leaders and parent organizations; state agencies, community-based organizations; state legislatures; and public and private payers, especially Medicaid

Funds: \$865,000 for 10 awards

Deadline: May 31 (letter of intent); June 13 (application).

Eligible: Governments and nonprofits

Information: Sylvia Sosa, Telephone: (301) 443-2259, Email, ssosa@hrsa.gov, Link: <http://tinyurl.com/cdpubs-0230>.

HEALTH AND HEALTHCARE

Health & Human Services Department (Health Resources & Services Admin., HRSA) Area Health Education Centers (AHEC): Infrastructure Development (CFDA Number: 93.824)

Program: The AHEC programs consist of interdisciplinary, community-based, primary care training programs wherein academic and community-based leaders work to improve the distribution, diversity, supply and quality of healthcare personnel. AHEC has two programmatic phases: Infrastructure Development s and Point of Service Maintenance & Enhancement.

Infrastructure Development: These awards enable entities to initiate healthcare workforce educational programs to continue to carry out comparable programs that are operating at the time the award is made by planning, developing, operating and evaluating an AHEC program.

All programs start in the Infrastructure Development phase, where the planning should reflect the anticipated growth of the project and include the projected total number of centers that will serve a specific geographic region of a state or an entire state at the conclusion of the Infrastructure Development phase.

In the Infrastructure Development phase emphasis is placed on the initial development and implementation of interdisciplinary, community-based, primary care oriented training programs and the establishment of AHEC centers in one or more service areas of a state. At least one AHEC center must be operational at the conclusion of the first year of Infrastructure Development funding.

Point of Service Maintenance and Enhancement: These awards enable entities to maintain and improve the effectiveness and capabilities of an existing AHEC program and make other appropriate modifications.

Funds: \$5 million for five awards infrastructure development and \$6.5 million for 19 awards for maintenance and enhancement (a 1:1 non-federal match is required for both programs)

Deadline: June 10, 2011

Eligible: Public and private colleges and universities and 501 (c)(3) nonprofits

Information: Meseret Bezuneh, Program Officer, Telephone: (301) 594-4149910 Clopper Road, Suite 155 South, Gaithersburg, MD 20878, Telephone: (877) 477-2123, E-mail: HRSAGAC@hrsa.gov , Link: <http://tinyurl.com/3eoajaq>.

Health & Human Services Dept. (Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, CDC)

Partnership for Surveillance Collaborative (PSC) (CFDA Number: 93.283)

Program: The program supports innovative partnerships and collaborations that advance public health surveillance. PSC aims to improve data access and quality in order to accelerate effective public health decision-making and program planning.

This program focuses on fostering collaboration among various stakeholders, including nonprofits, states, territories and tribes. The goal is to leverage investments to advance the use of healthcare information resources for public health applications, as well as advance broader uses of health and risk factor data. This will result in more robust surveillance solutions that solve common problems, are easily transferable across states, and advance current priorities, a CDC official says.

Funds: \$300,000 for three awards

Deadline: June 10, 2011

Eligible: Nonprofits

Information: Amelia Shindelar, Project Officer, Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, OSELS/PHSPO, 2500 Century Parkway, 3rd Floor/MS E97, Atlanta, GA 30345, Telephone: 404-498-6295, E-mail: ite9@cdc.gov, Link: <http://apply07.grants.gov/apply/UpdateOffer?id=50110>

Health & Human Services Dept. (Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, CDC)

Applied Public Health Leadership Training Program (CFDA Number: 93.055)

Program: The grantee will devise and implement a national applied health leadership training program. This applied approach offers an opportunity to teach the current and future public health workforce skills to: (1) collaboratively solve complex problems in innovative ways that can drive adoption of evidenced-based policies and practices into communities; (2) bring medicine and public health into better alignment; and (3) ultimately improve health outcomes in the United States

Funds: \$2 million award

Deadline: June 9, 2011

Eligible: Public and private colleges and universities, nonprofits with or without 501 (c)(3) status, governments, tribes and for-profits

Information: John Maynard (program questions) Telephone: (404)498-0394, Email, jmaynard@cdc.gov , Devi Hawkins (grant management questions), Telephone: (770)

**Health & Human Services Department (HHS) (Administration for Children & Families, ACF)
Special Improvement Project (SIP) -- Projects to Address the Economic Downturn on IV-D
Operations (CFDA Number: 93.601)**

Program: Grantees will develop creative strategies and processes to operate IV-D (child support) programs more effectively and efficiently in order to address their immediate needs during the economic downturn and advance longer-term structural changes. Many state, tribal and local IV-D agencies are operating with substantial reductions in staff and funding resources due to continuing budget cutbacks.

Examples of creative strategies and processes include:

- Establishing or enhancing partnerships with other agencies, including child welfare and corrections, to improve case management and increase case processing speed and flexibility.
- Using partnerships and collaborations with organizations that develop online legal information and automated forms to improve the process and experience for those who represent themselves (pro se).
- Streamlining processes so that child support agencies can respond more quickly to changing circumstances of both parents.
- Using automation tools to enhance program efficiency to improve service delivery and outcomes for child support enforcement parents, especially to offset staff reductions.

Funds: \$300,000 for three awards

Deadline: June 29, 2011

Eligible: Governments

Information: Jean Robinson, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Child Support Enforcement, Division of State, Tribal and Local Assistance, Aerospace Center - 4th Floor, West, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, SW., Washington, DC 20447, Telephone: (202) 401-5330, Email: jean.robinson@acf.hhs.gov, Link: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/foa/view/HHS-2011-ACF-OCSE-FI-0151>

**Health & Human Services Department (Substance Abuse & Mental Health Admin., SAMHSA)
Grants to Expand Care Coordination through the Use of Health Information Technology (HIT) in
Targeted Areas of Need (CFDA Number: 93.243)**

Program: This SAMHSA program leverages technology to enhance and expand the capacity of substance abuse treatment providers to serve underserved populations. Individuals are considered underserved if are in areas that lack sufficiency transportation options or have an inadequate number of substance abuse treatment providers or have financial

constraints.

The use of HIT, including web-based services, smart phones and behavioral health electronic applications, helps expand and enhance the ability of providers to effectively communicate with persons in treatment and to track and manage their health to ensure treatment and services are available where and when needed. Grantees will use technology that will support recovery and resiliency efforts and promote wellness.

Funds: \$5.6 million for 20 awards up to \$280,000 each

Deadline: June 13, 2011

Eligible: Governments, tribes and public and private colleges and universities

Information: Wilson Washington (program questions), Telephone: (240) 276-2973, E-mail, wilson.washington@samhsa.hhs.gov; Love Foster-Horton (grant management questions), Telephone: (240) /276-1653, Email, love.foster-horton@samhsa.hhs.gov; for grant guidance, please visit http://www.samhsa.gov/grants/2011/ti_11_002.aspx.

CVS Caremark Community

Grant for Children with Disabilities

Program: An annual philanthropic initiative of CVS Caremark, the CVS Caremark Community Grants program awards funds to nonprofit organizations working to help disabled individuals 21 and under lead full and independent lives, and to programs that help the uninsured receive quality health care.

Children with disabilities. Support for programs that serve individuals 21 and under and address any of the following: 1) Health and Rehabilitation Services -- programs that help ensure children with disabilities develop the skills they need to live as independently as possible, including physical and occupational therapies, speech and hearing therapies, assistive technology, and recreational therapies; and 2) programs that provide either physical activities or play opportunities for children to address the specific needs of the population served.

Public schools. Support for programs designed to include children with disabilities as full participants alongside their typically developing peers.

Health care for the uninsured and underserved. Support for programs working to help more uninsured people receive needed care and ensure that the care received is of high quality and delivered by providers who participate in accountable community healthcare programs. There is no age limit on proposed programs that create greater access to healthcare services.

Funds: Up to \$5, 000

Deadline: Applications are accepted and reviewed on a rolling basis

Eligible: Nonprofits and Schools

Information: Please use this link for complete guidelines and on-line eligibility quiz. Link: <http://info.cvscaremark.com/community/our-impact/community-grants/>

HOUSING

MetLife Foundation and Enterprise Community Partners, Inc. 16th Annual MetLife Foundation Awards for Excellence in Affordable Housing

Program: These awards honor affordable housing developers and service providers. This year's competition focuses on best practices in the area of green and service-enriched affordable housing for seniors. Potential applicants must be able to demonstrate excellence in affordable senior housing in terms of design, supportive services, operations and property management.

The funders provide the following three tips as applicants prepare applications:

1. Follow the application format, addressing the indicated items.
2. Focus on what the project has achieved and currently offers, and not on what the project would like to do in the future (The project is being evaluated on its accomplishments).
3. Provide quantifiable data that backs up success where applicable (Anecdotal information, while also valuable, will not substitute for actual data)

Funds: Four awards of \$50,000 each

Deadline: May 29, 2011

Eligible: 501 (c)(3) nonprofits and tribal housing authorities

Information: Link: http://www.enterprisecommunity.org/programs/senior_housing/

JUSTICE and CRIME

Justice Department (Bureau of Justice Assistance, BJA) BJA Electronic & Cyber Crime National Training & Technical Assistance Program (CFDA Number: 16.752)

Program: The program is designed to enhance the capacity of state, local and tribal criminal justice systems to prevent, investigate and respond to electronic, cyber, and high tech crimes by delivering training and technical assistance to diverse audiences, including law enforcement officials, intelligence analysts and prosecutors.
The program also is intended to serve as a key resource to identify new and emerging issues in the areas of electronic, cyber and high tech crimes.

Funds: Nearly \$14 million for three awards

Deadline: June 16, 2011

Eligible: Nonprofits with or without 501 (c)(3) nonprofits and for-profits;

Information: BJA Justice Information Center at 877/927-5657, Link:
<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/11ECrimeTTAsol.pdf>

**Health & Human Services Department (Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, CDC)
Striving to Reduce Youth Violence Everywhere (STRYVE) Through Local Public Health
Leadership (CFDA Number: 93.136)**

Program: STRYVE is a national initiative to prevent youth violence before it starts. The program envisions a world where safe and healthy youth achieve their full potential as connected and contributing members of thriving, violence-free families, schools and communities. STRYVE's goals are to: (1) increase awareness that youth violence can and should be prevented; (2) promote the use of youth violence prevention approaches that are based on the best available evidence; and (3) provide guidance to communities on how to prevent youth violence.

This solicitation will fund multi-sector coalitions within a high-risk community, using STRYVE, to: (1) develop a comprehensive youth violence prevention plan; (2) implement appropriate and feasible programs, policies and practices across multiple social ecological levels; (3) track and measure capacity improvement in organizational and community capacity; (4) develop an evaluation plan that tracks and measures the implementation of the comprehensive prevention plan; and (5) develop a sustainability plan.

CDC will hold technical assistance conference calls on Wednesday, May 18 from 1 p.m.-2:30 p.m. EST and Thursday, May 19 from 3 p.m.-4:30 p.m. EST. To participate, potential applicants can call 866/660-0589 (passcode: 5974129).

Funds: \$4.5 million for four awards

Deadline: June 13, 2011

Eligible: Local, city and county public health departments

Information: Jocelyn Wheaton (program questions), Telephone: (770) 488-1125, Email: JWheaton@cdc.gov; LaKasa Wyatt (grant management questions), Telephone: (770) 488-2728, Email, LWyatt@cdc.gov; Link: <http://tinyurl.com/6e6oqa4>

YOUTH

Health & Human Services Department (HHS) (Administration for Children & Families, ACF) Basic Center Program (BCP) (CFDA Number: 93.623) (Funding Opportunity Number: HHS-2011-ACF-ACYF-CY-0166)

- Program:** BCP funds go to establish or strengthen community-based programs that address the immediate needs of runaway and homeless youth and their families.
- Basic center projects aim to increase young people's safety, well-being and self-sufficiency, and to help them build permanent connections with caring adults, with the goal of reuniting them with their families.
- Youth in crisis receive emergency shelter, counseling and aftercare services. In addition, projects work to strengthen family relationships, and, in the absence of family reunification, help youth find safe and appropriate alternative living arrangements where they can become independent, self-sufficient, contributing members of society.
- Using evidence-based practices derived from the best available research, professional expertise and input from youth and families, basic center projects focus on boosting "protective factors" for runaway and homeless youth.
- Exclusive FAM insider's tip: Protective factors are the positive influences that reduce the effects of stressful life events on young people, increase their ability to make good decisions, and promote the social and emotional competence that will help them thrive now and in the future.
- Funds:** Nearly \$18 million for 107 awards averaging about \$135,000 each per year
- Deadline:** June 24, 2011
- Eligible:** Governments, public/Indian housing authorities and nonprofits with or without 501 (c)(3) status
- Information:** FYSB Operations Center, c/o Lux Consulting Group, Attn: Basic Center Funding
8405 Colesville Road, Suite 600, Silver Spring, MD 20910, Telephone: (866) 796-1591
Email: fysb@luxcg.com, Link: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/foa/view/HHS-2011-ACF-ACYF-CY-0166>

Health & Human Services Department (HHS) (Administration for Children & Families, ACF) Street Outreach Program (SOP) (CFDA Number: 93.557)

- Program:** These funds are used to provide services for youth living on the streets and in unstable situations. SOP projects aim to increase young people's safety, well-being and self-sufficiency, and to help them build permanent connections with caring adults, with the goal of getting them off the streets.

Using evidence-based practices derived from the best available research, professional expertise and input from youth and families, projects focus on boosting the "protective factors" around street youth.

Protective factors are the positive influences that reduce the effects of stressful life events on young people, increase their ability to make good decisions and promote the social and emotional competence that will help them thrive now and in the future.

Exclusive FAM insider's tip: The Nat'l Research Council (NRC), through its Preventing Mental, Emotional & Behavioral Disorders in Young People, finds protective factors include:

Physical and psychological safety and security.

- Clear expectations for behavior, as well as increasing opportunities to make decisions, to participate in governance and rule-making, and to take on leadership roles as one matures and gains more expertise.
- Emotional and moral support from supportive adult relationships.
- Opportunities to form connections with peers that support and reinforce healthy behaviors.
- A sense of belonging and personal value.
- Opportunities to develop positive social values and norms.
- Opportunities for skill building and mastery.
- Opportunities to make a contribution to their community and to develop a sense of mattering.
- Strong links between families, schools, and broader community resources.

Funds: \$2.1 million for 21 awards each averaging \$100,000 per year

Deadline: June 24, 2011

Eligible: Governments, public/Indian housing authorities and nonprofits with or without 501 (c)(3) status

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